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WASHINGTON, OCT 30, REUTER--STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT MCCLOSKEY TODAY REPEATED HIS CRITICISM MADE LAST WEEK OF THE ATTITUDE OF AMERICA'S EUROPEAN ALLIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

MCCLOSKEY LAST WEEK ACCUSED WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS OF SEEKING TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THE CONFLICT AND WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE WEST GERMAN ROLE.

MCCLOSKEY SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS AT A NEWS BRIEFING TODAY: "I STAND BY WHAT I SAID HERE LAST WEEK."

MCCLOSKEY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH REPRESEN ATIVES OF EUROPEAN NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES WERE NOW COOPERATING IN WHAT WAS SEEN TO BE MUTUALLY DESIRABLE OBJECTIVES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT LAST WEEK'S CRITICISM WAS IN RESPONSE TO PUBLISHED COMMENTS IN EUROPE AND WAS NOT DONE LIGHTLY OR CASUALLY.
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